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SUBJECT: FY 2009 DOS FINANCIAL OPERATING GUIDANCE UNDER
CR

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Summary

¶1. This is the second cable providing FY 2009 Department of State Financial Operating Guidance. The Congress has passed, and the President is expected to sign, a short term Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund agencies for which FY 2009 Appropriations are not yet enacted, including funding for State and Foreign Operations, through Wednesday March 11, 2009 (HJ Res. 38). The Congress continues working on the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill to provide funding through the remainder of the fiscal year before this short term CR expires. End summary.

Continuing Resolution Funding Availability

¶2. The Congress has passed, and the President is expected to sign into law a second FY 2009 CR (HJ Res. 38), funding government operations from March 7, 2009 through March 11, 2009. The funding levels for State and Foreign Operations under this CR are continued at the same rate as provided under the initial FY 2009 CR (Div. A, PL 110-329).

Reminder to Exercise Spending Restraint

¶3. Funds appropriated under this short term CR may not be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or other authority was not available under the terms of the previous CR. CRs essentially preserve the status quo so that the Department can continue its current operations, albeit at constrained levels. Bureaus and Posts are reminded to exercise spending restraint until full year funding levels are provided. Operating guidance provided in reftel remains in effect. We will continue to keep you apprised of Congressional actions.

Message From The Department's Procurement Executive

¶4. The Department's Procurement Executive provides the following reminder: All requisitions, including those for continuing services should be submitted to your contracting officer with the notation "Subject to the availability of funds" appearing clearly, as is the usual practice. All requisitions for any new services

also should be submitted with the notation "Subject to the availability of funds", as per usual practice. However, under no circumstances may a purchase order or contract award be authorized or made without sufficient funds being available at the time the obligation is incurred. To do so could result in a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act.

15. Minimize Considered.
CLINTON